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## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM NO:** 3.4

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, May 9, 2017

**OPENING ITEM:** Outstanding Achievements

**SUBMITTED BY:** Margie Jones, Administrative Assistant

**PRESENTED BY:** Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

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I am pleased to highlight the following CFSD student achievements:

### CFSD Poetry Contest Winners

The winners of the CFSD annual poetry contest include (winning poem noted first, followed by the honorable mention): Kindergarten - Jacob Colman, "The Dinosaurs"; Ainsley Johnson, "Jacob"; First Grade - Brayden Stoneking, "Escape Artist"; Sylvain Chen, "Fall Is Cool"; Second Grade - Jax Larcom, "Color Blue"; Aidan Kerwin, "Flying Butter"; Third Grade - Emma Chamness, "Azul"; Ian Cannon, "Down the Street Blues"; Fourth Grade - Sabina Coan, "When the Mountains Turn Gold in the Morning"; Jana Holt, "Sleep"; Fifth Grade - Scarlett Bolton, "White"; Cody Calles, "My Inside - My Outside"; Sixth Grade - Renz Lurino, "10,000 Feet Up"; Piper Garrett, "We Survived Highway 191"; Seventh Grade - Yulia Savine, "She"; Ella Parsons, "Bubbles"; Eighth Grade - Kiri Kenman, "Color"; Max Rubin-Toles, "On a Median"; Ninth Grade - Gracie Hufford, "Conversation Poem"; Saki Kazui, "Letter"; Tenth Grade - Cipora Cohon, "Mourning the Bourgeois Overtake of Poetry"; Emma Burkhart, "A Canary's Cage"; Eleventh Grade - Stephen Roper, "Sleepwalking"; Ian Johnson, "Light, the Promise"; Twelfth Grade - Chloe Wicklund, "And: The Aftermath"; Joey Ghotmi, "Chain of Life."

## CFSD Financial Reporting

The Association of School Business Officials International has awarded CFSD its Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for having met or exceeded the program's high standards for financial reporting and accountability. The district was recognized for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending 2016. Kudos to the entire business office staff for their quality work!

## Community Schools

Ashley Glaser, Manzanita CARE program manager, was named Community Education "Program Leader of the Year" for Arizona. Out of 14 nominees from various school districts around the state, she was selected to receive this award through a blind selection process.

## Catalina Foothills High School

The CFHS Chess Team won the Arizona USCF (United States Chess Federation) Championship. Emma Wing was named the 2017 US Chess National Girls Tournament of Champion representative for Arizona.

CFHS students who placed at the Special Olympics Track and Field Competition held on April 8 include: Shan Donau, 110M, 2nd place, Jake Imbody, 400M, 2nd place, Maggie Johnson, 200M, 3rd place, and Niko Tax, 100M, 2nd place.

CFHS students collected over 600 pairs of shoes for #Kicks4Kids, and the softball team donated an additional \$1,000. #Kicks4Kids started as a project to provide tennis shoes to students at Rio Vista Elementary several years ago and has grown to help six school districts with over 4,200 pairs distributed to low income students.

Freshman Liam Boyd was declared 20th in the world in the U16, age category under 16, at the World Dancing Championships in Dublin, Ireland.

Freshman Ryan Chen was selected as one of only 5 musicians statewide to perform at the AMEA Arizona All-State Solo/Ensemble Festival of Performance on April 7. After receiving a perfect Superior rating, Ryan was then selected as a guitar soloist and the only freshman to perform in front of all-state musicians in Gammage Auditorium.

Bryn Callie was awarded the Tucson Chapter of National Charity League's Yellow Rose Award for over 75 hours of volunteer work in one year. Bryn and her mother also won the Mother-Daughter Award for over 138 hours of volunteer hours combined.

Jeremy Wang placed 1st in Animal Sciences with his teammates at the Arizona Science & Engineering Fair (AzSEF). They also earned one of the 15 coveted spots on the 2017 AzSEF Intel International Science & Engineering team.

Senior Meena Venkataramanan was named one of 25 national finalists in the National Honor Society Scholarship program. She was chosen from more than 9,000 applicants and will receive a \$4,500 scholarship.

Daniel Weiland was named a Corporate-sponsored National Merit Scholarship winner. His is a National Merit Raytheon Scholarship.

#### Manzanita Elementary School

The Manzanita Math Team of Tom Benson, Griffin Helfand, Keona Kuo, Simon Rubin-Toles, and Johnny Yu competed on Saturday, May 6 in the Mathleague.org State Competition, in Division 5. Johnny Yu was the Grand Champion amongst 4th graders --- #1 in the state. He will represent Manzanita at the national competition, at Texas A&M this summer. Simon Rubin-Toles scored 8th place for 5th grade.